Pension to legal heirs of FCI employees

2694. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the legal heirs of the Ex-servicemen who expired while in service of FCI are eligible for both contributory pension prevailing in FCI and the Military Family Pension;

(b) whether the Military authorities discontinue the military family pension if the legal heirs are in receipt of FCI contributory pension;

(c) whether Government would permit to exercise of option to avail better pension to those eligible for only one pension; and

(d) Government's reactions thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (d) The nominees of ex-servicemen are entitled for Family Pension in addition to the pension benefits from Defence services w.e.f. 27.7.2001 provided their contribution in Family Pension Fund (FPF) has been received.

Abolition of FCI

2695. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to 'ABOLISH' Food Corporation of India in the name of reforms;

(b) whether this proposal has caused confusion among farmers;

(c) whether any alternative system has been contemplated in the absence of foodgrains procurement system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.